

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONSENSUS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT THE USE OF CHEWING TOBACCO, SMOKELESS TOBACCO OR SNUFF BY HOUSE MEMBERS IN THE HOUSE CHAMBER AND THE SPITTING OF TOBACCO JUICE IS UNSIGHTLY, POSES A THREAT OF SOILING THE DESKS AND FLOOR, AND IS DETRIMENTAL TO THE IMAGE THAT MEMBERS SHOULD PROJECT FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO OBSERVE ACTIVITIES OF THE HOUSE FROM THE GALLERY AND THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE PERMITTED.

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives has established a policy against eating of food or drinking of liquids in the House Chamber; and

WHEREAS, the Rules of the House of Representatives provides that the smoking of cigarettes, cigars and pipes shall not be permitted in the House Chamber; and

WHEREAS, chewing of tobacco by members of the House in the House Chamber and the resulting tobacco juice poses the same danger of soiling the desks and floors, and of damaging the public address system as eating and drinking; and

WHEREAS, the chewing of tobacco and the spitting of tobacco juice in the Chamber is unsightly and unbecoming a member of the House of Representatives and is detrimental to the image that legislators should project for school students and other members of the public who observe House activities from the gallery,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SEVENTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

It is the consensus of members of the House of Representatives that the use of chewing tobacco, smokeless tobacco and snuff should not be permitted in the Chamber of the House of Representatives.